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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON FINNISH CRITICISM OF SWEDISH  
NEUTRALITY

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1. RECENT STATEMENTS BY FINNISH MP ERIKKI TUOMIOJA  
(SEE REFTEL) ON SWEDISH NEUTRALITY HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE  
EDITORIAL COMMENT IN NEWSPAPERS HERE.

2. LIBERAL DAGENS NYHETER SEEMS TO APPLAUD FINNISH PM  
SORSA'S STATEMENT AFTER MEETING WITH PALME THAT FINLAND  
AND SWEDEN HAVE FULL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S FOREIGN  
POLICIES, BUT SUGGESTS THAT SORSA'S STATEMENT OF BEING  
"SOMEWHAT SURPRISED" BY SWEDISH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
SYNNERGREN'S MILITARY BRIEFING, AND SORSA'S UNWILLINGNESS  
TO COMMENT ON THE VIGGEN MATTER, CONTAIN VEILED HINTS OF  
DISPLEASURE. DN GOES ON TO ATTACK DEMART'S PROPOSAL  
FOR NORDIC COOPERATION WITH THE USSR, STATING THAT NORDIC  
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UNITY CONTAINS A WHOLE SERIES OF COMMON TRADITIONS AND

CULTURES FOREIGN TO THE SOVIETS. PAPER CONCLUDES THAT SWEDEN'S INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON THE REST OF THE WORLD, ITS JOINING OF IEA THE VIGGEN AFFAIR, AND THE FINNISH CRITICISM, HAVE ALL HAD GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR TRADITIONAL SWEDISH FOREIGN POLICY AND PROVE THAT INCREASED PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT SWEDISH NEUTRALITY SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE.

3. MODERATE SVENSKA DAGBLADET CHIDES PM PALME FOR NONCHALANTLY DISMISSING TUOMIOJA'S ATTACK AS ONLY AN UNOFFICIAL STATEMENT BY A YOUNG POLITICIAN. IT CRITICIZES PRIME MINISTER FOR TRYING TO MAKE THE AFFAIR AN INTERNAL ONE BETWEEN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, EMPHASIZING THAT IT INVOLVES THE ENTIRE NATION WHEN GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN FINLAND AND SWEDEN ARE THREATENED. PAPER WELCOMES SORSA'S STATEMENTS AND HOPES THAT FURTHER INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE CAN BE PREVENTED.  
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